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Soviet Troop Units and Military Installations in the Belerussian MD

Post

Brest-Litovsk  
(N52-07,  
E23-42)

Installation

Location

Occupation

Remarks

Troop camp.

Two to three km southeast of the city, on both sides of the Kovel-Brest-Litovsk railroad line.

The camp was still under construction 15 July 1951. Not less than 500 round tents, each for about 20 men and surrounded by a one-meter earth wall, were observed in an area extending along the west side of the railroad line for more than one km. Only a few tents, but a large number of tanks and artillery pieces standing obliquely in excavations, were observed east of the railroad line. Crews of soldiers were seen pitching tents and doing excavation work.

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Pilsudski Barracks of light stuccoed brick buildings.

Wooded area about three km southeast of the city and west of the Brest-Litovsk-Kovel railroad line.

Occupied by a major tank unit up to July 1951,

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Old barracks installation of several white and red brick buildings, in an area grown over by trees and containing a water tower.

North of the main railroad station.

Occupied to capacity since 1948 by a unit of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with an undetermined number. Light AT guns were seen standing in the barracks yard. Troops received training with rifles and mortars of various calibers.

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Military quarters  
in the former  
citadel.

West-southwest of  
the city.

Occupied by several thousand  
troops prior to July 1951. Tanks,  
AT guns, rocket launchers, ar-  
tillery pieces of from 100 to  
150 mm, and heavy prime movers  
were seen parked in the open.

Military quarters  
in a large private  
building.

Southwestern sec-  
tor of the city,  
on the west side  
of Karl Marx  
Street and north  
of Moscow Street.

Occupied by a signal unit.  
About 50 soldiers were seen  
practicing in the yard. An  
antenna system of two masts,  
about ten meters high, was  
located next to the building.

Military installa-  
tion of several  
low brick buildings.

Just east of the  
railroad bridge  
across the Bug  
River.

A unit of soldiers was seen  
there at the end of 1949,

nearby concrete bunkers were  
apparently unoccupied. Other  
old fortifications were notic-  
ed south of the city, in the  
area east of the Bug River. The  
fortifications were dilapidated.  
No new bunkers were seen.

Officers' house, a  
yellow four-story  
structure, and  
other installations.

Just south of the  
main railroad  
station, at the  
south end of an  
iron footbridge  
across the rail-  
road tracks.

Also referred to as officers'  
club and mess. Officers' billets  
were located north of the cita-  
del. Military personnel were  
also quartered in private houses  
and earth shelters. Several gen-  
erals were noticed in the city.  
PW labor units were replaced by  
Soviet labor battalions in the  
summer of 1949.

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Minsk  
(N53-50,  
E27-35)

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Military school of one six-story main building, with a portico in front, and three wings; completed in 1947 and surrounded by a wire fence.

MD headquarters, a five-story brick building completed in 1947.

Old four-story barracks building.

Barracks installation of several two-story and three-story brick buildings.

Former PW camp.

Three five-story apartment houses containing officers' billets.

Northern sector of the city, near the opera house.

Northern sector of the city near the aforementioned military school.

Northeastern exit of the city, on the north side of the highway to Moscow.

In the woods about six km northeast of the city, just south of the highway to Moscow.

Northeastern exit of the city, south of the highway to Moscow.

Northeast of the city on the north side of the highway to Moscow.

Called an Army Officer Candidate School by the PWs and occupied by more than 1,000 officer candidates from all branches of service. The trainees were estimated at 20 or 21 years of age. The office of a three-star general was located on the ground floor.

According to a signboard on the ground floor, the building housed the headquarters of the Belarussian MD and a corps headquarters to which one Major Buciowski (phonetic spelling) (fau) belonged.

Occupied by a unit of 200 men who wore red epaulets and who were armed only with rifles. The soldiers performed guard duty at the officer candidate school and other military installations.

Several 76.2 mm AT guns and AA guns were noticed in the billeting area at the end of 1948.

Occupied by a penal battalion of about 400 officers and men. The unit was employed primarily in construction work.

Occupied by more than 2,000 persons.

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Ordnance depot consisting of several open and closed storage buildings and other brick buildings in an area of about 400x250 meters, overgrown with trees and surrounded by a high board fence with watch towers.

About six km southeast of the main railroad station, on the south side of the highway to Mogilev and northwest of a large meter vehicle plant.

One of the ordnance depots was a supply base for an artillery division allegedly stationed in the Minsk area. He added that the depot contained numerous new artillery pieces of various calibers, rocket launchers, AT and AA guns, and heavy mortars. Source observed rocket launchers and some artillery pieces of 122 and about 150 mm on an open square.

Prior to July 1948, PW camp No 189/8 in Rechitsa was guarded by soldiers who wore No 127 on their epaulets. One Major Kunaichev (phonetic spelling) (fau) was camp commandant.

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Rechitsa  
(N52-22,  
E30-23)

Berisev  
(N 54-13,  
E28-30)

Veterinary equipment depot of several brick and wooden buildings, surrounded by a barbed-wire fence.

On top of a wooded hill about two and a half km southwest of the city and southeast of the railroad line to Minsk.

Source was unable to determine the items stored in the depot buildings be-

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